Sustainable Oceans Governance

New Song for Coastal Fisheries – Pathways to Change
What is Sustainable Coastal Fisheries/Oceans Governance?

It’s about managing and using our oceans and its fisheries resources in ways that keep our resources healthy, productive, safe, secure and resilient.
Why do we need to take action?

Healthy Oceans are essential for the Pacific people – as climate regulators, source for food security, employment, human health and as an engine for national/community economic growth.
How much coastal fish do we eat?

Fish consumption in coastal communities (kg/person/year)
Looming crisis for Coastal Fisheries

‘Living on the edge’ – risk losing focus on coastal fisheries resulting in fragile self-reliance challenged by population increase, demand for nutritious food, and climatic turmoil.
Future Fish Needs for the Pacific People

Source: Bell et al. (2011)

- **Melanesia**
  - Population (million): 2010 - 12, 2030 - 14

- **Micronesia**
  - Population (million): 2010 - 0.7, 2030 - 0.9

- **Polynesia**
  - Population (million): 2010 - 0.5, 2030 - 0.9

- **Fish needed (tonnes)**
  - Melanesia: 2010 - 175,000, 2030 - 275,000
  - Micronesia: 2010 - 30,000, 2030 - 40,000
  - Polynesia: 2010 - 40,000, 2030 - 45,000

- **Total needs**
  - 100,000 t
  - 10,000 t
  - 5,000 t

Source: Bell et al. (2011)
What has been done – A new song for coastal fisheries

- Calls for an enhanced focus on coastal fisheries management.
- Designed to provide direction, encourage cooperation and effective use of regional and other support services.
- At the regional level, it brings together disconnected initiatives into a strong, coordinated approach.
- At national and sub-national levels, it seeks political recognition of the value of coastal fisheries.
OVERARCHING OUTCOMES

1. Improved wellbeing of coastal communities
2. Productive and healthy ecosystems and fish stocks
8 intermediate outcomes

1. Informed, empowered coastal communities with clearly defined user rights
2. Adequate and relevant information to inform management and policy
3. Recognition of, and strong political commitment and support for, coastal fisheries management at a national and sub-national scale
4. Re-focused fisheries agencies that are transparent, accountable and adequately resourced, supporting coastal fisheries management and sustainable development underpinned by CEAFM
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5. Strong and up-to-date management policy, legislation and planning

6. Effective collaboration and coordination between stakeholders and key sectors of influence

7. More equitable access to benefits and decision making within communities, including women, youth and marginalised groups

8. Diverse livelihoods reducing pressure on fisheries resources, enhancing community incomes and contributing to improved fisheries management
To be successful, ‘the new song’ initiatives will require a coordinated and integrated approach by all stakeholders.
PIF Leaders Decision

- PIF Leaders:
  - noted that coastal fisheries management continued to receive inadequate attention at national level;
  - tasked the Pacific Community to “coordinate with National Fisheries Agencies, CROP agencies and regional and national community groups, to strengthen support and resourcing for coastal fisheries management”.
Coordinated and integrated approach by all stakeholders, such as National Fisheries Agencies, Donor partners, CROP agencies, regional and sub-regional bodies, NGOs, national and sub-national community groups, aimed at sustaining coastal fisheries and oceans health thereby:

- harnessing the ocean wealth sustainably for the Pacific people;
- ensuring that the pacific people continue to be good stewards of their healthy oceans;
- sustaining food security, livelihoods, and economies for the Pacific people; and,
- sustaining a future for the pacific island peoples.
Thank-you for your time

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